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FOR CARTER FROM S/PRS (BROWN)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF DAILY NEWS BRIEFING, FEBRUARY 15

NO. 3

1. CBU DECISION: ASKED IF SECRETARY GAVE RECOMMENDATION  
TO PRESIDENT ON CBU SALE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR  
MIDDLE EAST, ACTING SPOKESMAN BROWN SAID: "I UNDERSTAND  
HE TALKED WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFORE HE LEFT ON THAT  
SUBJECT. YOU MIGHT WANT TO TALK TO THE WHITE HOUSE."  
IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, BROWN SAID HE DID NOT KNOW NATURE  
OF RECOMMENDATION AND HAD NO INDICATION OF ANY FORTHCOMING  
ANNOUNCEMENT ON SUBJECT. BROWN DECLINED TO INDICATE  
ONE WAY OR OTHER ON REPORTED DELAY IN DECISION OR  
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REGARDING REPORT THAT PRESIDENT HAS ORDERED NEW STUDY ON  
CBU. (THIS RESPONSE CLEARED BY DEP. SECRETARY-DESIGNATE  
CHRISTOPHER AND WHITE HOUSE.)

2. KFIR DEAL: ASKED IF EITHER ISRAEL OR ECUADOR HAD MADE  
PROTESTS OR APPEALS ON "BLOCKAGE" OF KFIR DEAL BY USG,  
BROWN REPLIED: "I KNOW THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED

DURING A CALL ON THE SECRETARY BY THE ECUADORIAN

AMBASSADOR . . . BEYOND THAT I HAVE NOTHING."

3. REPORTED 1975 PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN CUBAN  
REPRESENTATIVES AND KISSINGER:  
BROWN DECLINED TO OFFER ANY COMMENT BUT, AFTER REPEATED  
QUESTIONING, AGREED TO "TRY TO LOOK INTO IT."

4. THERE WAS DETAILED QUESTIONING ON KIDNAPPING  
OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER IN COLOMBIA WHICH WAS ANSWERED  
UNCONTROVERSARILY BY M/CT GUIDANCE.

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